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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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1. WE HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO KEEP GOM INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF MANILA DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. AS REPORTED REF B, MFS SYB ZAKARIA WAS FAIRLY CATEGORICAL IN LATE DECEMBER WHEN HE TOLD AMBASSADOR HE SAW NO NEED FOR GENERALIZED DISCUSSION IN ASEAN CONTEXT OF BROAD ECONOMIC ISSUES. SINCE THEN THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COURSE OF OUR NORMAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH NOT ONLY MFA, BUT ALSO THE KEY ECONOMIC MINISTRIES FOR GOM OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN MANILA DISCUSSIONS. THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD KEEP PUSHING MATTER.

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UNRECONCILED ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN ASEAN ITSELF;
ABSENCE OF REAL ASEAN POSITIONS ON SUBJECTS WE MIGHT
WISH TO DISCUSS; SENSITIVITY VIS-A-VIS HANOI REGARDING
US RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN; AND FACT THAT ECONOMIC
SUBJECTS OF GENUINE INTEREST TO GOM, E.G., COMMODITIES,
MTN, INVESTMENTS, EITHER BEING PURSUED WITH US BILATERALLY,
OR IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. AS WE HAVE FREQUENTLY

OBSERVED, THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS AID PROJECTS
UNDER ASEAN (OR ANY OTHER) LABEL).
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